## RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PLAN FOR TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), on the behalf of the Secretary of Transportation, apportions appropriated Federal Section 5311 (Community Transportation Program) funds annually to the Governor of each state for public transportation projects in nonurbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering Federal and State public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has adopted a coordinated approach to service delivery that allows only a single applicant (subrecipient) for Community Transportation Program funding within a county or group of counties as identified by an approved Community Transportation Service Plan; and

WHEREAS, every county in the State must have a NCDOT approved, Authority Board and/or Board of County Commissioners adopted and locally implemented five-year Community Transportation Service Plan to receive funding under the Community Transportation Program and all other public transportation funding programs administered by NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, Transylvania County has designated TRANSPORT - Transylvania People Oriented Rural Transportation (a county-operated transit system) as the lead transportation agency for the county, authorized to apply for and receive public transportation funding on behalf of the county and provide public transportation services in the County of Transylvania; and

WHEREAS, **TRANSPORT**, in partnership with NCDOT, and public and private stakeholders, passengers, advocates, and members of the public, developed a Community Transportation Service Plan to:

- Promote the development and availability of transportation services throughout the State, in partnership with local officials, public and private nonprofit agencies, operators of transportation services, and members of the public;
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Federal/State funded transportation programs;
- Support and promote the coordination of public transportation services across jurisdictions and program areas;
- Provide dependable transportation to the general public, low-income individuals, elderly persons, and/or persons with disabilities within the guidelines and funding levels provided by NCDOT and FTA;
- Enhance the coordination of existing services for the development of a seamless transportation network;
- Build upon the coordination efforts that exist within North Carolina's public transportation system; and
- Serve as a basis for funding requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the **Transylvania County Board of Commissioners** formally adopts the **Community Transportation Service Plan for Transylvania County** and agrees to implement the plan's recommendations in accordance with the implementation schedule and timelines delineated in the plan provided funding is available at the local, state and Federal level.

Adopted this 14 day of February 2011

**ATTEST** 

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF TRANSYLVANIA

Mike Hawkins, Chairperson